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A Number of Important Measures Passed by both Houses. Work on the Regular Appropriation Bills. Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At the suggestion of Senator Edmunds, bills have been passed by the senate and house to authorize Idaho and Washington to form constitutions and state governments preparatory to admission into the Union. The bill as passed by the house provides that the legislative assembly of Idaho may provide for the election of delegates to a convention to form a constitution and state government for the proposed state of Idaho, which shall be republican in form and not repugnant to the constitution of the United States and the principles of the declaration of independence; that the boundaries of the proposed state shall be as follows: Commencing at the point where the forty-second parallel of north latitude intersects the thirty-fourth meridian of west longitude from Washington; thence north along said meridian to the forty-sixth parallel of north latitude; thence west along said parallel to the middle of the main channel of Snake river; thence up said river to the mouth of Boise creek; thence up said creek to the junction of the north and south forks of Boise creek; thence due east to the headwaters of Rabbit creek; thence down said creek to its junction with Snake river; thence up said river to the junction of Boise creek; thence up the east fork of Boise creek to the crest of the Bitter Root mountains; thence along the crest of said mountains to the eastern boundary of Idaho.

TO VALIDATE ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The senate today passed the bill introduced by Delph providing that all acts heretofore passed by the legislative assembly of Washington territory which has failed to express in its title the object embraced in the act or which has embraced therein more than one object shall be validated. Delegate Voorhees states that the speaker of the house has promised to reconsider him for the purpose of having this bill passed and he feels certain that it will become a law this session.

NO HOPE OF FORFEITURE.

The house conference committee on the Northern Pacific forfeiture bill has not yet reported its last disagreement to the house. Senator Dolph states that it is useless to attempt to hold another conference meeting this session. It is manifestly impossible for an agreement on a bill to be reached, as the senate committee will not accept the house bill, and the house committee will not accept the senate bill. He states that another conference meeting will not be held. The fate of the forfeiture bills is therefore sealed for this congress.

RAILROADS AND RESERVATIONS.

The difficulty experienced in securing congressional action for railroad rights of way through Indian reservations was suggested to Delegate Bailey of Idaho a general bill, which he has introduced, authorizing the secretary of the interior to grant rights of way through such reservations to railroad, telegraph and telephone lines, also for ditches and canals. Of course he does not expect action on the bill this congress.

By presidential order the military reservation of Fort Colville, W. T. has been transferred to the territory of the interior department. It being no longer needed for military purposes. T. C. J.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—On motion of Cockrell, a bill was introduced, suspended and the senate amendments to the house joint resolution for the investigation of accounts of the Texas railroads were concurred in. Accordingly was ordered and the president quickly reached and signed after the hour agreed to for the conference report. The substance of the agreement in conference is as follows: The house conferees adopted the senate amendment to the bill, but the clause reading, the commission was modified by striking out the requirement that the commissioners shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and so arranging the phraseology that the president shall have power to appoint them at once, recess still to be beyond question.

On motion of Voorhees of Washington territory, the senate amendments were concurred in to the bill amending a portion of Idaho to Washington territory.

The House resumed consideration of the conference report on the fisheries retaliation bill, and after considerable discussion agreed—yeas 160, nays 38—to recede from the amendments to the bill, and to the satisfactory bill. A motion to reconsider the above vote was made. This passes the bill in the shape in which it passed the senate.

THE FISHERY BILL AGREED TO.

After debate, the report of the conference committee on the fishery bill was agreed to.

Rice moved that the house recede from its amendments to the senate bill agreed to—yeas 140, nays 114.

Miller of Texas changed his vote from the negative to the affirmative in order to enter a motion to reconsider, but this motion was laid on the table—yeas 142, nays 97. The effect of this action is to leave the bill exactly as it passed the senate.

Blount of Georgia presented a conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill announcing the inability of the conferees to agree on the bill. He stated that the house insists on its disagreement and asks a further conference agreed to—yeas 158, nays 107.

Gibson of Georgia, submitted a report on the joint resolution (now a bill) for investigation of the accounts of the Pacific railroads, and it was agreed to.

Tyler of Virginia submitted a conference report on the bill compensating Albert H. Emery for the construction of an iron and steel type making machine for the United States. The bill as it passed the senate appropriated $200,000 for said machine, but the house reduced the amount to $85,000. The conference report fixes the amount at $150,000.

The conference report was adopted—yeas 153, nays 5.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess Hatch of Missouri presented the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill. There were two important amendments inserted, and the bill as reported by the conference committee—one an appropriation of $60,000 to enable the commissioner of agriculture to compile a report on the manufacture of sugar from sorghum and sugar cane, and the other increasing from $100,000 to $500,000 the appropriation for carrying out the provisions of the act establishing a bureau of animal industry and authorizing the commissioner to use any part of this sum deemed necessary to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia and the purchase and destruction of diseased or exposed animals whenever in his judgment it is essential to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia from one state to another. There was much opposition to both these amendments, but the conference report was agreed to—yeas 148, nays 76.

Dolph, on Blount moved to suspend the rules and passed the bill with a substitute therefor to secure statistics of and to protect vessel fishery of the United States, to provide for the taking of seals in Behring sea, relative to vessels licensed by British or citizens of the United States engaged in fur seal fisheries, and to amend the shipping act of June 19, 1886. The substitute provides that all vessels of the United States, including vessels of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, shall be $5000 per annum, and that no persons related to any of the owners of such vessels of the United States with the degree of first cousin shall here after be appointed to any office of the court of which said justice or judge is a member, agreed to—yeas 38, nays 16.

The bill and amendments were then reported to the senate in the form of proceedings being supposed to have been in committee of the whole. Edmunds called for the yeas and nays on the amendment for six months' service.

Plumb moved to amend the amendment by making it apply to the navy as well as the army.

The bill was then read. That material used in all navy structures provided for in this act, and all garments for the same shall be subject to such rate of American production and shall by further and manufactured in the United States" etc., agreed to.

A vote was then taken on the committee amendment and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 38, nays 16. The negative votes were as follows: Berry, Cockrell, Coke, Harris, Plumb, Vance, Van Wyck, Vest, and Wilson of Maryland.

The next amendment was the insertion of an item of $1,500,000 for the purchase of Ericsson's vessel the destroyer. It was agreed to.

The bill as amended then passed without division.

THE NAVAL BILL.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. An amendment was inserted in the item for the bureau of steam engineering providing that no part of the appropriation shall be applied to the repair of engines and machinery of modern steam vessels when the estimated cost of repairs shall exceed 20 per cent. of the cost of new engines and machinery of the same character and power. Under the head of "Increase of the Navy" the commissioners recommend striking out the provision for two swift double-bottom steel cruisers and four gunboats, to cost, exclusive of armament not more than $4,500,000, and the substitution of two protected cruisers, of 7,300 tons, protected steel cruisers, with speed of not less than seventeen knots, to cost, exclusive of armament not more than $6,000,000, and appropriating that amount. Also appropriating for armament of such vessels, $2,880,000. Also appropriating $6,000,000 for heavily armored vessels or rams for coast and harbor defenses. Also appropriating $600,000 for torpedo boats and $1,000,000 for torpedoes and $1,000,000 for armament of these vessels.

Gray questioned the policy of the provision requiring one of the six steel cruisers to be built on or near the coast of the Pacific ocean and two of them on or near the coast of the gulf of Mexico. This was only from selling the secretary of the navy and interfering with the general objects proposed. He was in favor of the accomplishment of what the senate proposed, namely, the erection of swift, well built and efficient cruisers, and therefore would strike out that provision.

Hale who has charge of the bill stated that with the bill was up some weeks ago a similar provision had been adopted, after full discussion of the subject in the committee of the whole (Morgan) He had believed then and believed now that three or four of the vessels could be built and built speedily on the Pacific coast. The committee on almost every point embodied those features in this act. Instead of taking the appropriation for the cruisers two in number, it had given one and instead of giving three to the Gulf of Mexico had given two, leaving three to the Atlantic coast.

READY FOR THE PRESIDENT.

The conference committee on the Texas railroad inquiry bill made a report which in brief sets forth how goes to the president the action of Mexico. The senate bill for the erection of a national memorial bridge over the Potomac river in Washington to Arlington, was taken up and passed.

The house bill for $500,000 to construct a bridge which is to be erected in honor of Lincoln and Grant. The vote was yeas 30, nays 18.

A conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill was also adopted.

On motion of Wilson of Iowa the house bill to amend the act of March 3, 15 to determine jurisdiction of United State circuit courts and to regulate the removal of causes from state courts, was taken from the calendar. The committee amendments were concurred in.

Curtin proposed an amendment providing that the circuit courts of the several districts of the United States including judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, shall be $5000 per annum, and that no persons related to any of the owners of such vessels of the United States with in the degree of first cousin shall here after be appointed to any office of the court of which said justice or judge is a member, agreed to—yeas 38, nays 16.

Senator Allison from the committee on appropriations reported the legislative, executive and judicial bill with sundry amendments and gave notice that he would call it up early to-morrow morning. The bill was then taken up and was very slightly considered over the amendments, the only one of importance was to strike out the provision for the purchase of Ericsson's vessel the destroyer.

Senator Harris introduced a bill to provide for the better organization of the signal service of the army, and for the transfer of the weather bureau to the war department. Referred.

Harris introduced a bill to provide for the purchase of the Chickasaw claim to the Choctaw nation. Referred.

Allison reported back the house bill to provide for the disposition of certain records of the United States in the District of Columbia, and for the transfer of certain records to the District of Columbia, with an amendment providing that the records of the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall be transferred to the custody of the clerk of that court. Passed.

Allison reported back the house bill to provide for the disposition of useless papers in the executive departments, with an amendment providing that the secretary of the interior may cause to be destroyed such of the records of the pension office as he may deem useless, and that the secretary of the interior may cause to be destroyed such of the records of the general land office as he may deem useless

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NO PROSPECT OF FORFEITURE.

A Number of Important Measures Passed by both Houses—Work on the Regular Appropriation Bills—Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At the suggestion of Senator Edmunds, the bill as passed by the senate to annex Northern Idaho to Washington, was amended by adding to section 7 of the house bill, the words, "excepting criminal proceedings." Said section originally provided that all cases arising in Northern Idaho, pending in the supreme or district courts thereof, at the time of the passage of this act, shall be placed under the jurisdiction of the supreme court of Washington, and under the Fifth district of said territory. The bill was further amended by adding the following: "All or any matters heretofore committed to the territory annexed by this act to the territory of Washington shall be prosecuted, tried and determined in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if this act had not passed." Today, when Speaker Carlisle laid the bill as amended before the house, to refer it to the committee on territories, Delegate Voorhees stated that he had secured the consent of a majority of the committee to accept the senate amendments, and therefore moved that the house accede to the same. The motion carried, and the bill as amended now goes to the president. All north of the following boundary line is the part of Idaho annexed: Commencing in the middle of the main channel of Snake river, due west of the headwaters of Hubbit creek; thence east to the headwaters of Hubbit creek; thence down said creek to its junction with Salmon river; the one up said river to the junction of Horse creek; thence up the east fork of Horse creek to the crest of the Bitter Root mountains, as the eastern boundary of Idaho.

TO VALIDATE ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The senate to-day passed the bill introduced by Dolph providing that any act heretofore passed by the legislative assembly of Washington territory which has failed to express in its title the object embraced in the act, or which has embraced therein more than one object, shall be validated. Delegate Voorhees states that the speaker of the house has promised to recognize him for the purpose of having this bill passed, and he feels certain that it will become a law this session.

NO HOPE OF FORFEITURE

The house conference committee on the Northern Pacific forfeiture bill has not yet reported its last disagreement to the house. Senator Dolph states that it is useless to attempt to hold another conference meeting this session. It is manifestly impossible for an agreement on a bill to be reached, as the senate committee will not accept the house bill, and the house committee will not accept the senate bill. He states that another conference meeting will not be held. The fate of the forfeiture bill is therefore sealed for the congress.

RAILROADS AND RESERVATIONS.

The difficulty experienced in securing congressional action for railroad rights of way through Indian reservations has suggested to Delegate Hailey of Idaho a general bill, which he has introduced, authorizing the secretary of the interior to grant rights of way through such reservations to railroad, telegraph and telephone lines; also for ditches and canals. Of course he does not expect action on the bill this congress.

By presidential order the military reservation of Fort Columbia, W. T., has been transferred to the custody of the interior department, it being no longer needed for military purposes. T. C. H.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Objection of Crisp of Georgia, the rules were suspended and the senate amendments to the house joint resolution for the investigation of accounts of the Bank. rules, were non-concurred in. A conference was ordered and an agreement quickly reached, and shortly after the house agreed to the conference report. The substance of the agreement in conference is as follows: The house conferees adopted the senate amendments, but the clause creating the commission was modified by striking out the requirement that the commissioners shall be subject to confirmation by the senate, and so arranging the phraseology that the president's power to appoint them during recess shall be beyond question.

On motion of Voorhees of Washington territory, the senate amendments were concurred in to the bill annexing a portion of Idaho to Washington territory.

The house resumed consideration of the conference report on the fisheries retaliation bill, and after some discussion agreed—yeas 149, nays 14—to recede from the amendments to the senate retaliatory bill. A motion to reconsider the above vote was made. This passes the bill in the shape in which it passed the senate.

THE FISHERY BILL AGREED TO.

After debate, the report of the conference committee on the fishery bill was agreed to.

Hiss moved that the house recede from its amendments to the senate bill; agreed to—yeas 140, nays 134.

Miller of Texas changed his vote from the negative to the affirmative, in order to enter a motion to reconsider, but this motion was laid on the table—yeas 142, nays 132. The effect of this action is to leave the bill exactly as it passed the senate.

Blount of Georgia presented a conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill, amounting the inability of the conferees to agree on the bill. He moved that the house insist on its disagreement, and ask a further conference; agreed to—yeas 153, nays 107.

Crisp, of Georgia, submitted a report on the joint resolution (now a bill) for investigation of the accounts of the Pacific railroads, and it was agreed to.

Trigg, of Virginia, submitted a conference report on the bill compensating Albert H. Emery for the construction of an iron and steel testing machine for the United States. The bill as it passed the senate appropriated $296,[illegible]. The sum the house reduced to $63,000. The conference report fixes the amount at $160,000.

The conference report was adopted—yeas 137, nays 96.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess Hatch of Missouri presented the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill. There were two important amendments placed on the bill as reported by the conference committee—one, an appropriation of $80,000 to enable the commissioner of agriculture to continue experiments in the manufacture of sugar from sorghum and sugar cane, and the other increasing from $160,000 to $500,000 the appropriation for carrying out the provisions of the act establishing a bureau of animal industry and authorizing the commissioner to use any part of this sum deemed necessary to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia and in the purchase and destruction of diseased or exposed animals whenever, in his judgment, it is essential to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia from one State to another. There was much opposition to both these amendments, but the conference report was agreed to—yeas 148, nays 79.

Dingley, of Maine, moved to suspend the rules and pass the senate bill, with a substitute therefor, to secure statistics of and to protect vessel fisheries of the United States. It provides for the taking, by the treasury agents, of statistics of fisheries of the United States, and to amend the shipping act of June 19, 1886. The substitute is composed of the substance of several bills pending in the house and was characterized by Buchanan of New Jersey as a conglomerated mass of heterogeneous incompatibles. The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

THE DIPLOMATIC BILL.

Belmont of New York presented a conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The report was agreed to.

A score of members rushed into the space in front of the clerk's desk, and waving their bills wildly in air, vociferously claimed recognition. The uproar was great, and for a time business had to be suspended. Barksdale, of Mississippi, was finally successful, and under suspension of the rules he secured the passage of a bill for refunding the report of the commission of labor.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

Randall of Pennsylvania submitted a conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill. In their statements accompanying the report the conferees say that the senate made 282 amendments, increasing the aggregate appropriation $1,628,627 over the amount of the bill as it passed the house. Of this sum the senate finally recedes from $1,000,000. The bill, as it passed the senate, appropriated $24,734,094. The house, when it considered the senate amendments, added to the bill $1,000,000, and in conference $12,000 was added, being for an additional building at Portsmouth, Ohio, and $160,000 was added on account of public buildings at Augusta, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tenn. The bill, therefore, as agreed upon by conference, appropriated $24,000,000 in all, or $734,094 less than the law for the current year and $2,885,371 less than the estimates. The court survey is left out and the last year, the house provision for reorganization being stricken out.

The report was agreed to without discussion.

Senate amendments to the joint appropriation bill were non-concurred in, and Messrs. Hewitt, Springer and Reed of New York were appointed conferees.

The house then adjourned.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Among the papers presented by the presiding officer was a communication from the secretary of war, with copies of all dispatches from Gen. Miles, referring to the surrender of Geronimo, and of the instructions and correspondence thereon called for by the resolution ordered printed.

Platt, from the committee on territories, reported the senate bill to validate and cure defects in certain acts of the legislature of Washington territory; passed.

MODIFIED AND REJECTED.

Gray modified his motion to make the clause read that if it shall appear to the president that the vessels cannot be constructed advantageously on the Pacific coast he may consider and accept proposals for the building of said vessels at other places instead of suspending their construction until further action of congress.

Blair said there should be one great navy yard established on the Gulf coast, where the best of iron, steel, live oak, and long-leaved pine were at hand.

The question was then taken on Gray's amendment as modified, and it was rejected.

Brown moved to strike out the item of $6,000,000 for heavy armored vessels, or batteries, or rams, on coast defenses.

Hale opposed the striking out of the item.

Dixon said he had just received a telegram from New York signed Alfonso Snow, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee on coast defenses and president of the board of trade and transportation. The telegram was in these words: "The whole commercial community anxiously hopes that some agreement providing adequate immediate coast defense be had. If not, public opinion will demand an extra session, which business would endorse. I send duplicates hereof to your fellow conferees." Dawes said, if congress adjourned without the vessels, and as was intimated in the telegram he had read, public opinion was going to legislate an extra session of congress to make this provision, the fault did not lie at the door of the senate committee.

Pending further discussion the senate went into secret session and soon took a recess till eight o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed, the question being on Plumb's amendment to strike out the amendments of the committee of seventeen providing heavily armored vessels, or armored floating batteries or rams, to be used for coast and harbor defense. The amendment was rejected without division. The amendment recommended by the committee was then adopted without division. It is in the form of a proviso to the section providing for two swift, double-bottomed steel cruisers, and four gunboats, at a cost (exclusive of armament) not more than $4,500,000, and inserts in lieu thereof a section providing for the construction by contract of six protected steel cruisers, with suitable armament, and speed of not less than twenty knots,—the cost of all the cruisers not to exceed $6,000,000. Additional appropriations are made for machinery and armament. One of the vessels is to be built on the Pacific coast and two on or near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. For every quarter of a knot of speed over twenty knots the contractor is to receive $50,000, and for every quarter of a knot under twenty knots $250,000 will be deducted from the contract price. Further appropriations are made as follows: For the construction of heavily armored vessels, or armored floating batteries or rams, to be used for coast and harbor defense, $6,000,000. For the construction of light draught gun boats, suitable for inland waterways and canal service, $720,000. For the construction of torpedo boats of the highest attainable speed and efficiency, $600,000. For torpedoes and other appliances, and torpedo appliances, to be operated from naval vessels, floating batteries or rams, $600,000, of which sum $50,000 shall be immediately available. For armament of these vessels, $1,800,000. These appropriations to be available during five years.

TO PURCHASE THE "DESTROYER."

The next material amendment reported by the committee on appropriations, and agreed to by the senate, was the following: For the purchase by the secretary of the navy, right to acquire lands, purchase advisable, of the Destroyer, a screw steam vessel of iron, designed and built by Capt. John Ericsson, $112,000.

Aldrich offered an amendment appropriating $25,000 for the purchase of the Stiletto, to be used as a torpedo boat for experimental purposes; agreed to.

The bill and amendments were then reported to the senate, the former proceedings being supposed to have been in committee of the whole. Edmunds called for the yeas and nays on the amendment for seventeen, etc.

Plumb moved to amend the amendment by making the last paragraph read: "That material used in all naval structures provided for in this act, and in the repair of the same, shall, so far as practicable, of American production, and shall be furnished and manufactured in the United States," etc.; agreed to.

A vote was then taken on the committee amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 42, nays 29. The various votes were as follows: Berry, Cockrell, Coke, Harris, Plumb, Vance, Van Wyck, Vest, and Wilson of Maryland.

The next amendment was that the insertion of an item of $115,000 for the purchase of Ericsson's vessel the Destroyer. It was agreed to.

The bill as amended then passed without division.

THE NAVAL BILL.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. An amendment was inserted in the item for the bureau of steam engineering providing that no part of the appropriation shall be applied to the repair of engines and machinery of wooden ships where the stated cost of repairs shall exceed 20 per cent. of the cost of new engines and machinery of the same character and power. Under the head of "Increase of the Navy" the committee recommended striking out the provision for two swift double-bottom steel cruisers and four gunboats, to cost, exclusive of armament, not more than $4,500,000, and the substitution of two new sections providing for six protected steel cruisers, with speed of not less than twenty knots, to cost, exclusive of armament, not more than $9,000,000, appropriating that amount. Also appropriating, for the armament of such vessels, $2,880,000. Also appropriating $6,000,000 for heavily armored vessels or rams for coast and harbor defenses. Also appropriating $600,000 for torpedo boats and $650,000 for torpedoes and $1,800,000 for armament of these vessels.

Gray questioned the policy of the provision requiring one of the six steel cruisers to be built on or near the coast of the Pacific ocean and two of them on or near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. This was only trammeling the secretary of the navy and interfering with the general objects proposed. He was in favor of the accomplishment of what the section proposed, namely, the erection of swift, available and efficient cruisers, and therefore moved to strike out that proviso.

Hale, who has charge of the bill, stated that when the bill was up some weeks ago a similar provision had been adopted, after full discussion of the matter, by the senate; from Alabama (Morgan). He had believed then and believed now that one or two of these vessels could be built, and built speedily, on the Pacific coast. The committee on naval affairs had modified those features in this amendment, taking a proportionate number and instead of giving two to the Pacific coast had given one, and instead of giving three to the Gulf of Mexico had given two, leaving three to the Atlantic coast.

READY FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Platt, from the conference committee on the Pacific railroad inquiry bill, made a report, which was agreed to. The bill now goes to the president.

On motion of Malone, the senate took up the erection of a national memorial bridge over the Potomac, from Washington to Arlington, was taken up and passed.

It appropriates $500,000 to construct a bridge, which is to be erected in honor of Lincoln and Grant. The vote was yeas 30, nays 18.

A conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill was made and agreed to.

On motion of Wilson of Iowa, the house bill to amend the act of March 3, 1875, to determine jurisdiction of United States circuit courts, and to regulate the removal of causes from state courts, was taken from the calendar. The committee amendments were concurred in.

Cullom proposed an amendment providing that the salaries of judges of the supreme court of the United States, including judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, shall be $8000 per annum, and that no persons related to any Justice or judge of any of the United States courts within the degree of first cousin shall hereafter be appointed to any office of the court of which said justice or judge is a member; agreed to. The bill was passed.

Senator Allison, from the committee on appropriations, reported the legislative, executive and judicial bill, with sundry amendments, and gave notice that it would call it up early to-morrow. The bill as reported from the committee has been very slightly increased over the amount fixed by the house. Among the increases are the following: $17,000 for the printing of judicial notes to employees, as provided by the house, and $36,000 for pension examiners in the field. Fifteen additional clerks were given to the secretary of the interior, including five law clerks and one additional board of pension examiners were provided for.

The senate then, at 11:30, took recess till 10 A. M. to-morrow.

THE TEXAS INVESTIGATION.

Testimony of an ex-Congressman in Defense of the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Col. D. C. Giddings, ex-Congressman from Texas, and counsel for the contesting parties, was the principal witness before the Texas investigating committee. He said he took no active part in the late contest. He went to investigate frauds because he was in favor of legislation to remedy such frauds as those of 1884 and 1886, and to prevent all acts of violence. He had always advised against such law. One memorialist afterward said that his pacific course had probably saved his (the memorialist's) life. There was great dissatisfaction with the republican administration and there had repeatedly been made to prosecute officials. He thought that the impossibility of the memorialists to get votes to their men was the cause of their having participated in the colored vote and placed it both polled men in office. He said the reputation of the memorialists was bad; that they were republicans for revenue only, and that when they failed of success in 1884 their occupation was gone, and having lost their prestige they wanted to leave. It was his opinion that they desired to pose as martyrs before the country, and be able to secure recognition in case of the ascendency of the republican party. The reason the people had not rebelled before was because they were peaceable and law-abiding people, and he believed that the people in no county, in any State in the East, South or West would submit to such republican methods of administration one year, much less twenty as they had done.

The testimony of Col. Giddings closed the evidence for the defense, and the committee adjourned till to-morrow, when evidence in rebuttal will be submitted.

DEMOCRATIC DISCIPLINE.

The President Punishing Congressmen who Voted to Overrule his Veto.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The *News'* Washington special says: The president is very angry with Democrats who voted to overrule the veto of the pleuro-pneumonia bill. He has expressed his views in the most excited language to those who have called upon him, and there are several who have already felt the force of the executive displeasure. At least two bills have been vetoed to punish those who went back on him—that for a public building at Lynn, Mass., and that for a public building at Portsmouth, Ohio, to which democratic congressmen have interested, because they voted to pass the bill over the veto.

Congressman Maloney, of Detroit, is shaking in his shoes for fear that his bill will vetoed too; but he does not believe the White House.

If Matson should go up there he would hear something that would make his head swim.

The president has already given some symptoms of what he would say. An Indiana congressman says that during a friendly talk with him the other day on suspending if the chairman of the committee on pensions, who raked up the old petitions the president had signed several years ago for the passage of a general pension bill. He says he has no recollection of having signed it, although it is quite likely that he did so, without reflection on its merits; and Matson, finding it on files of the house, brought it out on him. Matson is not likely to get any more favors out of this administration.

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

REPLIES TO A SENATE RESOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Acting Secretary Fairchild has forwarded to the senate, in response to Senator Aldrich's resolution, calling for information in regard to the importation of distilled spirits bonded for export, the report on the same, prepared by the commissioner of internal revenue. In the first report the commissioner says it is now and has been heretofore a practice of the office to collect any and all penalties and interest that have accrued on such spirits. The second report is a document of over 100 pages of foolscap, and reviews every action of the department bearing on the question, together with authority for so doing. It also refers at length to charges made of alleged fraudulent practices in connection with the exportation and redemption of domestic spirits and shows that they were without foundation.

THE FORTIFICATIONS BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—There have been a dozen fruitless attempts during the past twenty-four hours to get together the conferees on the fortifications appropriation bill. This bill, which failed of passage last session, is now said to be beyond redemption. Another effort will be made to-morrow to get the conferees together, but it is confidently expected that the only result of the meeting will be the recording of a total disagreement between the two houses.

MUST GO AS INDIVIDUALS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—In the case of British Indians who go to emigrate to Alaska, the attorney-general decides that the immigration of peaceful individual Indians, who have dissolved tribal relations, is not prohibited by statute, and is not inconsistent with the general policy of the government; but if there is no provision assuring to such foreign Indians any legal right to acquire lands, neither can the president set aside a reservation for their occupation.

CLEVELAND'S COLORED MAN.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The senate committee on the District of Columbia at a special and very short meeting this morning voted adversely upon the nomination of James M. Trotter, the Boston colored man nominated for recorder of the District of Columbia.

BILLS APPROVED.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The president to-day approved the military academy appropriation bill, regular pension appropriation bill, the act to organize a hospital corps of the United States, and the act to regulate the importation of mackerel during the spawning season.

THE MORMON BILL TO BE SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The attorney-general has informed a representative of the anti-Mormons this morning that the Mormon bill will be signed to-day. The delay has been due to a desire

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OBSTRUCTIONS TO BUSINESS.

The evils arising from taxation of credits are greatly enhanced by deductions of indebtedness. The credits are taxed at their full nominal value and other forms of property at one-third of their actual value; while deduction of debts at their full nominal value completes the system that throws upon unincumbered credits a weight of taxation that oppresses every kind of active business. Under such a system enterprise is suppressed; business contracts, shrivels and perishes, capital cannot be had for industrial and commercial purposes and Oregon languishes from year to year.

Every effort on the part of the state to interfere with the free movement of money is necessarily injurious, and no more complete system for promotion of stagnation and decay could be devised than the one Oregon has adopted. The usury law is another feature. Some seem to suppose that all objections to usury laws are answered by the statement that since advocates of free money claim that 6 or 7 per cent. net, is enough for money, since 10 per cent. is the legal limit, and since a usury law cannot prevent men from lending at a lower rate if they want to, therefore, such law cannot be an obstruction to business transactions. This is shallow reasoning. What is the object of a usury law? Simply to obstruct business transactions; that is, to prevent men from making contracts to pay such interest as they think money may be worth to them for any purpose they may have in view. Of course when the security is good and repayment certain, money may be had at a low rate of interest, particularly if the security is to be free from tax. But if the security is not altogether the best, and the lender knows he is incurring some risk, still he will very often take the loan if he is allowed to receive a large rate of interest. But here comes in the usury law, saying alike to the borrower and lender: "You are not competent to transact your own business; you need a guardian; and the state therefore must interpose by prescribing the conditions upon which your business must be done." The result is that the business is not done at all. All business in the least degree speculative, in the least degree risky, that depends in the least degree on the unascertained resources of personal tact, activity and skill on the part of the borrower to manage the business and carry it to success, is suppressed by the state. For money will not be lent for such business at rates within the legal interest and subject, moreover, to tax. The state, therefore, by its usury law, deliberately closes a large field against men of the most active and enterprising talents. It refuses to give men an opportunity to make up by courage, energy, enterprise and skillful management what they may lack in accumulated property and established credit. It is a blunder; it is a persistent error of ignorance, that ought long ago to have been abandoned.

Left to itself and to the operation of natural laws, money will always offer at the lowest rates consistent with the conditions of time and place and assurance or probability of repayment. A good security, untaxed, will now be taken in Oregon at a very low rate of interest; a good security, subject to tax, will be taken usually at ten per cent., though it is often refused altogether; while securities not based on realized property of two to four times the amount of the loan, are commonly rejected altogether. The usury law cuts off a multitude of transactions that would be based more or less on personal credit, if a man were allowed to use his credit for what it might be worth. It may not be worth enough to enable him to get money at ten per cent., subject to tax, but it might be worth enough to enable him to get it at a higher rate. Here, however, the law interposes and forbids the transaction; the state steps in to suppress business that would contribute immensely to its development and prosperity. Washington territory is wiser. It has no usury law; it is not subject to those obstacles to the free movement of money and business by which Oregon is paralyzed; and the consequence is that it is making far more rapid strides in the career of an active prosperity than Oregon. For years Washington has been gaining on Oregon at a rapid rate, and may soon leave her behind in business, wealth and population. Large part of the capital that has produced these results in Washington is Oregon capital, driven from home by laws that stand as monuments of our folly, to a neighboring territory, which is governed by an enlightened policy, where loans and credits are not oppressed by taxation; where usury laws are disregarded as relics of mediæval ignorance, and where the transactions of business are allowed entire freedom. During ten or twelve years past millions of Oregon capital have gone into Washington territory for investment, and the movement continues now as a more rapid rate than ever.

A notable thing in Oregon, and one that would be ludicrous if it were not lamentable, is the presence of an envious fear that if business is allowed free play somebody will make money; and with this fear there goes as its counterpart the absurd notion that if one man makes money another must lose it. Men like Judge Hoine personify these ideas, spread and perpetuate them, and endeavor thereby to maintain a personal influence in the state. But the way to general prosperity will scarcely be found in a system that forbids to the active and enterprising members of the community an open field for the exercise of their talents, under pretense of favoring the less active and less enterprising; for the fewer obstructions there are to business and the greater the increase of individual and general wealth, the more rapid the extension of industry and the better it is for those who, because they must work for a livelihood, are miscalled "the poor." An obstructive system like ours, since it stunts enterprise, paralyzes industry and prevents development of the country, injures most the very class whom it is maintained, professedly, to favor and to aid. It is based on an ignorance that is antiquated and ough. to be obsolete; it chills and freezes in their very source all suggestions of enterprising effort, and holds down the whole country to the level of its ordinary indolence and stupidity. Defense of such a system and its results is an apt phrase of fossilism, a benediction upon inertia, unprogressiveness and decay.

RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION.

As early as the year 1639 the principle of restrictive legislation, as applied to sale of liquors, was recognized in America. In that year the law of Massachusetts ordered that "every town have liberty from time to time to choose a fit man to sell wine to be drunk in his house; provided, that if any person shall be made drunk in any such house, or any immoderate drinking suffered there, the master of the family shall pay for every such offense £5." As early as 1651 in a little town on Long Island an ordinance was passed "that no man shall sell any liquor expect such as are deputed thereto by the town, and such men shall not let youths and such as are under others' management remaining drinking at unreasonable hours, and such persons shall not have above half a pint at a time among four men." In 1655 an ordinance was passed forbidding "anyone selling to the Indians any quantity above two drams at one time, and to sell to no Indians but such as are sent by the sachem and shall bring a written statement from him, and he shall not be given above a quart at a time." In 1760 religious societies began to protest against drinking liquors at funerals, a practice that the Quakers were first to abolish. As late as 1808 liquor was freely used at church donation parties and installations. At the ordination of a pastor at Hartford, Conn., the following was consumed:

Two mugs toddy, 2s 4d; 3 bitters, 8d; 3 breakfasts, 3s 6d; 15 bowls punch, 10s; 11 bottles wine, 3s 6d; 5 mugs flip, 5s 10d; 3 bowls punch, 8s; 3 bowls toddy, 3s 6d; 24 dinners, 24s 10d; total, £3 3s 11d.

Up to 1826 temperance agitation was pushed only against spirits. Even Harvard college allowed its students to drink Jamaica rum, and wine, beer, ale and cider were considered harmless. In 1830 Massachusetts passed a fifteen gallon law and Mississippi one gallon law.

The prohibitory law was first urged upon the Maine legislature in 1837 by Gen. James Appleton, but was not enacted until 1851; was repealed in 1856, and re-enacted in 1858. Massachusetts passed a prohibitory law in 1852; repealed it in 1858, re-enacted it in 1855, and finally repealed it in 1868. Vermont passed it in 1852; Michigan in 1853, and repealed it in 1875. Connecticut passed a prohibitory law in 1854, and repealed it in 1872. Indiana passed it in 1855, but it was nullified by the supreme court the same year. New York once passed it, only to have it declared unconstitutional by her court. The Minnesota legislature passed prohibition in 1852, modified it and defeated a bill for a constitutional prohibitory amendment in 1882. New Hampshire has had a prohibitory law since 1855. Rhode Island passed a prohibitory law in 1852, repealed it and re-enacted it a year ago. Prohibition under a "local option" law exists in many parts of Illinois and several states of the South, but mostly in rural localities.

STATE CLAIMS AT WASHINGTON

For several years past Capt. John Mullan has acted as the agent of the state at Washington for the collection of claims of some sort or another against the government. He was first engaged in this capacity, we believe, by the Grover administration, and has since acted by consent but without special warrant. He has rendered bills to the state for 10 per cent. of the amounts collected, and they have been audited by various legislative assemblies. During the past two years the amounts collected have been considerable, and Capt. Mullan's claim amounts to several thousand dollars. The joint ways and means committee of the legislature, at the session just ended, cut this down to two thousand and some odd hundreds of dollars and put it into the general appropriation bill. It was stricken out, however, in committee of the whole and Capt. Mullan must wait two years, and may even then get nothing. He thinks this very hard usage and his friends are making a great deal of noise about it. It was perhaps a mistake for the state officers to forward state claims to Capt. Mullan, but they did it and he earned his commission. He ought to be paid a fair commission, but with this payment connection with him should cease.

Since "chore boy" activity has come to be the chief qualification for congress, and even for the senate, our representatives ought to attend to this business and save the 10 per cent. commission. A special state claim agent at Washington is a superfluity. We have three representatives whose business it is to act for the interest of the state. The assertion that the collection of claims is beneath the dignity of these gentlemen should not have much weight when it is remembered that one of them did not think it unbecoming to spend two weeks last fall in trying a dirty breach-of-promise case before one of our local courts. Hereafter all claims against the government should be forwarded to our senators or representative for collection. Put forward by them, they would have much better chances of favorable action than if presented by an agent without representative capacity.

THE TRUE FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT.

Massachusetts has recognized the fact that the true function of government is not to give all men freedom to develop according to their capacities, but to relieve individuals of all care and responsibility, and has, in accordance with this noble principle, added a nursery department to her public schools. Babies who would otherwise be a source of care at home are thus looked after at the public charge, and mothers are given more time to gad about and take pleasure. This much having been accomplished, it is now proposed to establish state music schools, where vocal and instrumental instruction shall be free. Commending this policy to its own state, the Milwaukee *Sentinel* points out that there still remain fields for public instruction calculated to make the people truly happy. The establishment of state music schools, it points out, should lead to an appropriation for a state dancing school. Indeed, in the systematic instruction of children by professional athletes in calisthenics we have the beginning of instruction in dancing. Ten-pin alleys supported by the state would add much to the happiness of the people. There is hardly any limit to the things the state may do to subsidize the pleasures of the people, and it is gratifying to find legislators recognizing their true function.

In our own state we are making advances in civilization. Here we have a proposition to establish free nurseries in connection with the public school system. Our governor proposes that a bridge, to be built by private capital, shall be free to the public, in this respect being fully up with that advanced socialistic sentiment which demands that street cars be free. He hasn't yet got to the point where he would make lumber free to the people, but this will come no doubt as soon as he sells his saw-mill. Oregon isn't such a slow country after all.

It is the opinion of railroad officials of high standing that the effect of the interstate commerce bill, as regards Pacific coast traffic, will be to divert through business from our own railroad lines to the Canadian Pacific and the Pacific Mail. That is, Portland and San Francisco can get much lower rates from the Canadian Pacific and the Pacific Mail than from our own transcontinental lines.

CALIFORNIA.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK ON THE CHARLESTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—With a few weeks the keel of the man-of-war Charleston will be laid at the Union Iron Works shipyard at the Potrero. The new ship which it was necessary to construct in order to build the cruiser is nearly completed and will be ready for use in about ten days. Superintendent James Dickie, who has charge of the yards, states that once the keel is laid work will be pushed with great energy. All the iron that is to go into the vessel is being rolled and prepared for use at the Pacific rolling mills, and at Pittsburg the forges of Phipps & Co. company are working men night and day in manufacturing the steel. The first steel plates are expected to arrive here in about two weeks. As yet only two out of three naval officers who are to superintend the construction of the vessel have been selected. They are Naval Constructor F. L. Fernald, who has charge of the hull, and Chief Engineer W. F. Smith, inspector of machinery. They are to be joined by an inspector of materials, who will be appointed shortly by Secretary Whitney. Every piece of material, before going into the ship, will be thoroughly tested by them, and it is on their decision, as well as on the trial trip, that the acceptance of the cruiser depends.

THE ANTI-POLYGAMY BILL.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The *Examiner's* Washington special says: The anti-polygamy bill will in all probability become a law. The ten days within which the president has to sign the bill will expire to-morrow. The opponents of the bill have abandoned all hope of defeating it, and to-night express the opinion that if the president does not approve it by affixing his signature to it he will allow it to become a law without his signature. Mr. Cain, Mormon delegate in congress, says his people will immediately carry the law into the courts and exhaust every legal means to prove its unconstitutionality.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Chief Justice Morrison, of the state supreme court, died this morning. The cause of death was a stroke of paralysis, which occurred several years ago. He was taken ill again on February 23 last, and not been able to leave his room since. Deceased was 80 years old, and leaves a family. The supreme court and civil departments of the superior courts adjourned to-day in respect to the memory of the late chief justice.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS DISMISSED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—A special session of the police commissioners was held last evening to examine charges made by ex-officer Burdett against Captain Douglass, Sergeant Fleming and Counsellor Clarke. After the hearing of testimony the board, at 1:15 A. M., went into executive session, and a few minutes after announced the dismissal of all charges.

THE OPERA HOUSE DYNAMITER.

At the preliminary examination to-day of Dr. James Hodges, charged with having exploded a bomb in the Grand Opera house during the Patti concert, February 9th, the judge held the accused in $10,000 bail for trial in the superior court.

GUILTY.

SACRAMENTO, March 2.—The committee which has been investigating the charges of changing the places of bills on file against Ray Falk, assistant minute clerk of the assembly, have recommended dismissal of Falk. The committee found Senator McClatchy and L. Buckley in lawyer, guilty of attempting to have the places of bills on file changed.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

A RIGHTEOUS SENTENCE.

CLEVELAND, March 2.—At Akron, Ohio, to-day Henry Hepperton, a wealthy business man, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor for betraying, under promise of marriage, a school girl 15 years of age.

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OTHER CONTENTS. Frank R. Stockton's novel, "The Hundredth Man;" continued: Poems by George MacDonald, Thos. Nelson Page and others; "By the Waters of Babylon—Little Poems in Prose," by Emma Lazarus; Topics of the Time; Open Letters; Bric-a-brac, etc.

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A GOOD DWELLING CONTAINING NINE rooms, with modern conveniences; would lease for three or five years; must be close and between West Park and Thirteenth, and Yamhill and Hall sts.; could wait if have one built; must be ready by July 1. Address Good Dwelling, care Oregonian. 2m4

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS CLOTHING SALESman. Address C. S., care Oregonian. 1m1

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEwork. 4 Park st. 3m3

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS HAD at least one year's practical business experience. Address E. M., care Oregonian. 2m3

WANTED — AN EXPERIENCED CHEESEmaker to take charge of a small dairy. For particulars, address P. O. Box 44 Lebanon, Oregon. 15tfm

WANTED—AN ENERGETIC YOUNG MAN (references given preference). Apply at rooms 10 and 11, 133½ First st. 1m3

WANTED—GIRL TO COOK AND DO GENERAL housework; Swede or German preferred. Apply at 465 E st. before noon. Desirable place for the right person. 1m3

WANTED—A SMART BOY, 14 TO 16 YEARS old, as errand boy; must be well acquainted with the city, and have good references. Address E. B., care Oregonian. 1m8

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WANTED—ROSSER STATE PRICE. ADDRESS E. C. E., care Oregonian. 2m3

A YOUNG LADY TEACHER WISHES BOARD in a private family; central location preferred; references required. Address M. J., care Oregonian.

WANTED—TO BUY TWO LOTS BET. L AND M and west of Twenty-first, East Portland. Address, stating terms, G. M., care Oregonian. 2m2

WANTED—A FOUR OR SIX H. P. BOILER and engine in good repair; state lowest cash price and where located and style of engine. Address S. J. HOBART, La Center, W. T.

WANTED—GOOD WOOLSTORY HOUSE, WITH modern conveniences, in a desirable locality; willing to pay from $40 to $50 a month; no children. Address Good Tenant, care Oregonian. 1m3

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED GARDENER, married man preferred; house to live in on place; must give good references. Address W. H. WICK HAM, Real Estate Agent, Ashland, Or. 27tf

WANTED—EMPLOYMENT.

A SITUATION WANTED BY A RELIABLE and experienced girl to do chamber work or wait on table. Address A. H., care Oregonian. 1t

SITUATION WANTED—BY A GIRL, TO DO general housework in a private family. Apply at 107 Fourth st., above Main. 2m3

A YOUNG WOMAN OF EXPERIENCE WISHES to go out by the day to do plain sewing. Apply at room 21, Multnomah Block, Fifth and Morrison sts.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED DRY goods salesman, a situation; understands general merchandise; best references. Ad. P., care Oregonian.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS A CLERK IN A grocery or hardware store city or country. Address C. THOMPSON, 163 North Third st., Portland.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A CORNER LOT, WITH TWO houses on, on reasonable terms; also 10 acres of block in Van Portland, by PARRISH, WATKINS & CORNELL, Real Estate Agents, 45 Washington st.

FOR SALE—FIVE ACRES OF CHOICE LAND in Section 25, 1 north, 1 west, with orchard, in Section 25, 1 north, 1 west, with orchard, in Section 25, by PARRISH, WATKINS & CORNELL, Real Estate Agents, 45 Washington st. 2m3

FOR SALE—37 ACRES 5½ MILES SOUTHEAST of Portland; 25 acres in cultivation, 7 acres sowed, balance pasture; new house, 5 rooms, barn, chicken house, hog pens and outhouses; running water; 2 acres of fruit, all for $2500. Enquire on premises. 27tf LENT & YOUNG, Agents 10 Stark st.

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ALBINA—THE CHOICEST RESIdence Lots in Albina are in RIVERVIEW ADDITION, on the high, dry and beautiful plateau two blocks east of the Carolinas. A limited number of Lots for sale.

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REAL ESTATE—OUR "BLOCK BOOKS" OF Portland show the ownership of every lot on plats giving exact measurement. They form a chain of title and reference extending over 25 years, with notes and data of all transfers made by the county records. Our East Portland block books are now completed, and will be kept similarly posted. Our clients, whether buyers or sellers, will have the benefit of the information they contain. J. FRED CLARK & CO., Real Estate Agents, 13 Stark st. 2tf

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—FURNITURE OF FOUR ROOMS for housekeeping; house for rent. Apply at 193 Fourth st., near Morrison. 2m1f

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS CAT-RIGGED Sloop-boat; good accommodations for four men; well found in every particular; a bargain to anyone. A 10 one 32-caliber Marlin; one 22-caliber Ballard; one bagage shot-gun; all tools and ammunition. Address Boat & Gun, 21 Front st. 1m14

ENGINE AND BOILERS FOR SALE—ENGINE 15x20 inch; two boilers, 16 feet by 48 inches, each having 28 tubes 4 inches in diameter; nearly new and in complete order. For full particulars and price address Chehalis S. M. Co., Chehalis, W. T. 11tf

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LODGING HOUSE FOR SALE—SMALL PAYment down; balance in installments and to board. Address A. Z., care Oregonian. 24tm

WANTED—A LIVE PARTNER WITH $1200 OR $1000 in a paying business; $25 to $30 per week clear for all a spessed; married man preferred. For particulars address W. H. Wickham, Real Estate Agent, Ashland, Oregon. 22tf

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COUNTER STORE FOR SALE, DOING A CASH business, 11 miles from Portland, on West Side R. R.; telegraph, railroad, express and postoffice in same building. Apply to A. J. Hamilton, Beaverton, Or. 15tfm

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A RED BULL ABOUT 2 YEARS OLD STRAYED from Hoffman's place on Robinson's hill about a week ago. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will please leave word at 271 First st. C. MOOR.

Proposals for Bridge.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE of the County Clerk of Multnomah County until March 9, 1887, for the construction of a bridge near the thirteen Mile Post on the Portland and S. Helens road. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the County Clerk of Multnomah County. The right to reject any bid is reserved. By order of the county court. WM. M. GRUBB, Jr., County Clerk. Portland, Or., Feb. 15, 1887. 18tf

FOR SCHOOL CLERK.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF AS A CANDIdate for School Clerk for District No. 1, subject to the will of the voters at the coming election. 22tfd A. H. MORGAN.

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I HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF AS A CANDIdate for School Clerk for District No. 1, subject to the will of the voters at the coming election. 1m1d A. WALDMAN.

FOR SCHOOL CLERK.

I ANNOUNCE MYSELF A CANDIDATE FOR the office of School Clerk, District No. 1, subject to the will of the voters at the coming election. 2nd H. S. ALLEN.

FOR SCHOOL CLERK.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF AS A CANDIdate for the office of School Clerk, District No. 1, subject to the will of the voters at the forthcoming election. (tf) FRED A. DAILY.

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FOR RENT—FIVE UNFURNISHED ROOMS, suitable for housekeeping, at 360 Yamhill st. 1m8

FOR RENT—IN THE ELEGANT STONE BLOCK, First and Market sts., two corner suites with kitchen and bath; also two connecting rooms, one suitable for a bedroom; rent low. Apply to 107 First st. 10tfm

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FOR RENT—EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE, 89 EIGHTH st., bet. Stark and B; modern improvements; newly renovated. Inquire next door. 24t

FOR RENT—IN HANSON'S ADDITION TO East Portland, four (4) acres of good garden land; good seven (7) room dwelling-house, barn, chicken houses, hog pens and outhouses; running water; a very desirable place. Apply to Dr. L. A. JOHNSON, 208 Ash and Front sts., or to Curtis & Lamhart, East Portland. Rent, $25 per month. 22tf

TO RENT—ROOMS, WITH BOARD.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT, EN SUITE OR single, with board, at 164 Oak st. 20tf

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH BOARD, PLEASant and quiet, on street car line. Enquire at 241 Morrison st., cor. Ninth. 20tf

PARLOR SUITE, WITH BOARD; ALSO ROOM for a few table boarders at 149 Seventh st., bet. Yamhill and Taylor. 1m1f

FOR RENT—PRIVATE FURNISHED ROOMS with board, at 198 West Park st., cor. Morrison 21tf

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NEPTUNE BATHS AND BARBER SHOP, 125½ First st., up-stairs. CLIFFORD & CO.

A GIRL BABY, ONE DAY OLD, OF HEALTHY parents, a fine child for adoption. Inquire of Dr. E. A. Pierce, First and Ash sts. 1m1f

HENRY ACH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 315 CALIfornia st., San Francisco, Cal. Firm, Botschild & Ach. 66tf

THE U. S. ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND POWER Co. have removed to 72 Third st., next door to Ainsworth National Bank. Telephone No. 683. 26tfm

NOTICE—HEREAFTER ALL LETTERS TO ME should be sent by N. P. express mail to Eagle Gorge, W. T. N. S. HAGEN. 20tfm January 14, 1887.

BRIG ANDRETA, CAPT. HOBIN, FROM SAN Francisco.—Neither the master nor the undersigned consignees of the above-named vessel will be responsible for any debts that may be contracted by the crew. 1m3 C. H. COBB & CO., Consignees.

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COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY March 2.

Overland receipts for the 1200 cs canned oil 53 bbls linseed oil 1 cs paints 5 cs hosiery, 3 cs shoe brush es and domestics 4 cs notions 1 cs clothing 5 cs furn goods 6 wash machines, 3 cs hats 11 cs cigars 9 bbls coal oil 1 bbl China

In addition to the salmon shipments noted yes terday the State of California for San Francisco, carried 1000 cases G T Myers brand makin total shipments for the month 15 920 cases

PRODUCE RECEIPTS—Past twenty four hours 86 ctls wheat, 532 ctls oats, 215 ctls millstuff, 468 sks potatoes 650 lbs hides 1 cs butter 74 cs eggs, 378 lbs fruit, 18 cs dried do 281 sks onions 81 calves 22 hogs. Also from the eastern section 2170 ctls wheat, 192 bbls flour, 40 ctls millstuff 3450 lbs hides.

Recent for seven days ended Wednesday noon aggregated 28 299 ctls wheat, 3110 bbls flour 1019 ctls oats 160 ctls bran 100 ctls millstuff 140 sks potatoes 80 lbs wool 29,560 lbs hides 31 cs butter, 212 cs eggs 3049 lbs fruit including from the eastern section 24 892 ctls wheat 1500 bbls flour 40 ctls millstuff 180 lb wool 18 005 lbs hides. For the same week last year receipts were 98 012 ctls wheat 2 200 bbls flour 4809 ctls oats 918 ctls barley 622 ctls bran 1 ctls millstuff 1119 sks potatoes 67,250 lbs wool 37 632 lbs hides 136 lbs hops, including from the eastern section 54 741 ctls wheat 1500 bbls flour 5 cs butter 491 ctls millstuff 155 bags 17 452 lbs hides

Receipts of leading articles of produce by private rail roads of transportation since Aug 1 as compared with the same period last year have been as follows:

Articles	1890-1891 Valley	Eastern	1889-1890 Valley	Eastern
Wheat ctls	1 179 793	2,591 731	1 051 37	3 833 901
Flour bbls	14,5	1 250	12 115	90 457
Oats, ctls	150 295	10 414	97,5	10 475
Barley ctls	11 658	28 269	4 339	84 481
Bran ctls	16 841	5801	14 207	5 031
Millstuff ctls	5 16	8 569	49 819	8 244
Potatoes, sks	21 8		45 72	
Wool lbs	1	5	1	3
Hides lbs	165 3	63 810	45 17	619 3
Hops, lbs	8	1	3 4	42
Lime, bbls		6	11	60
Flaxseed sks	11 49		14 23	

The Portland fleet for Oregon and Washington ports will be 1 ship 4 barks and 1 schr with a total capacity of 4 000 tons. The fleet for San Francisco will be 1 ship 1 bark and 1 schr with a total capacity of 1 600 tons. The fleet for Puget Sound will be 1 ship 1 bark and 1 schr with a total capacity of 1 600 tons. The fleet for Columbia River will be 1 ship 1 bark and 1 schr with a total capacity of 1 600 tons. The fleet for Willamette River will be 1 ship 1 bark and 1 schr with a total capacity of 1 600 tons. The fleet for Columbia River will be 1 ship 1 bark and 1 schr with a total capacity of 1 600 tons.

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